

REMARKS

U.S. Application No. 09/528,396 contained claims 1-35. Claims 1-14 were allowed and issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,409,493. Claims 15-35 were then the subject of U.S. Application No. 10/138,630. Claims 15-24 were allowed, and the issue fee was paid on January 30, 2004. Accordingly, this divisional application has cancelled claims 1-24 and present claims 25-35 for prosecution on the merits.

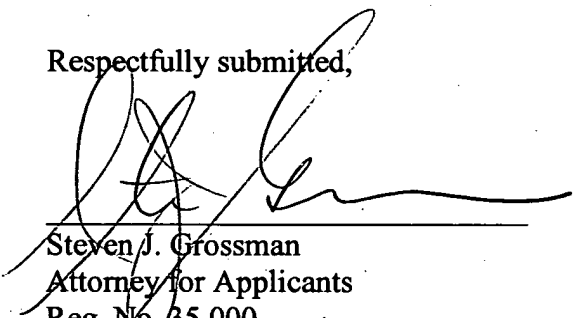
In addition, the specification has been amended to add a proper cross-reference to all related applications.

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present divisional application. Applicant has calculated the filing fees based on the number of claims pending as a consequence of this preliminary amendment.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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